MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): In regard to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, am I to understand that the Government do not consider it necessary to have a hospital at Kottarakara because there is sufficient accommodation in the Hospitals at Quilon?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, also because there is sufficient accommodation in the dispensary at Kottarakara.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): When the member says that there is sufficient accommodation in the Hospitals at Quilon, does he mean the buildings [recently constructed and] attached to the District Hospital, Quilon?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I am only saying that there are two well-equipped hospitals at Quilon. That is all.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know from the member whether the new buildings have been thrown open to patients?

MR. P. N KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It will be thrown open.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I would like to know when the buildings will be thrown open to patients?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): We are making arrangements for the purpose. I cannot definitely say when the buildings will be thrown open.

Teaching of Arabic and Koran in schools.

11. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware;

(*a*) that the teaching of Arabic and Koran has been introduced in schools after a special investigation made by them;

(*b*) that there is a strong complaint among the Muslims that the Education Department does not at all pay enough attention in the matter of Arabic instruction; and

(*c*) that teaching of Koran is only a part of Arabic instruction?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) the time fixed for the teaching of Koran in Elementary Schools; and

(*b*) whether the teaching of Koran is conducted out of school hours in some schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Yes.

(2) (*a*) There are two kinds of teachers for the teaching of Koran in Primary Schools *viz.*, (1) full time Arabic Munshies in certain schools and (2) part time Koran teachers in certain other schools; the time fixed for the former is between 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. and that for the latter between 9 and 10 in the morning and 4 and 5 in the evening.

(*b*) Yes.

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